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1. The following are the principal personalities of the Hungarian National Defense (Honvéd) Ministry:

Minister of National Defense  
Deputy  
Secretary of State  
Military Adviser to the Premier  
Chief of the General Staff  
Personnel Section  
Organization Section  
Ordnance Section  
Screening Commission  
Equipment Section  
Propaganda Section  
Construction Section

General Mihály Farkas  
General Sandor Nogradi  
Roland Kiss  
Maj. Gen. Imre Radvaryi  
General László Solyom  
Lt. Gen. Gusztav Illy  
Lt. Col. László Padusitzky  
Col. Pal Bocso  
Maj. Gen. Miklos Bartoffy  
Maj. Gen. Sandor Bally  
Maj. Sandor Szigeti  
Col. (Engr.) Balazs Liptak

2. The General Staff was reorganized on 1 November 1949, with the following branches:

OP (Organization)  
Na (Records ?)  
Training  
Technical  
Regulations  
Evaluation of . Foreign Press  
General Staff Personnel  
Transport

Col. Béla Királyi  
Col. Peter Boris

3. The Hungarian Army, the Ministry of National Defense, and the activities of the General Staff are controlled by a number of Russian "advisors". As of July 1949 there are said to have been 46 such advisers in important posts. They are headed by the Soviet Military Control Commission, consisting of Lt. Gen. Tsamerchev, Maj. Gen. Tsulev (Military Attaché), and Col. Bulcin. Liaison with the Russians is channeled through Col. Gen. Hermann Pokorny, who is nominally in charge of prisoner-of-war affairs in the Ministry of the Interior.

4. There are four reserve commands, organized on a territorial basis:

1 Budapest  
2 Pécs  
3 Szeged  
4 Debrecen

Maj. Gen. Ferenc Reczny  
Lt. Gen. István Kozma  
Maj. Gen. Viktor Gömöri

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The territorial commands are subdivided into 25 local commands with purely administrative functions.

5. Order of Battle

1st Infantry Training Div., Tolna. CO: Lt. Gen. 'szkar Váriházi. 2 battalions and officers' school. 3,000 men

6th Artillery Training Div., Pécs. CO: Maj. Gen. István Szűcs. 2 artillery groups of 2 battalions each, with attached schools for artillery officers and staff officers. 3,000

1st Engineer Training Div., Budapest. CO: Maj. Gen. Daniel Görgenyl.

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| 4 infantry regiments                                       | 2,000   |
| 4 artillery "groups", newly formed (see SO-32993, para. 1) | 13,000  |
| 4 motorized batteries, newly formed                        | 1,400   |
| 4 companies of motorcyclists of 150 men each               | 320 (?) |
| 4 companies of armored scout cars, 150 men each            | 600     |
| 4 armored companies, 150 men each                          | 600     |
| 15 border guard battalions                                 | 600     |
| troop training camp at Kenyérmező                          | 6,000   |

Staff of the 1st Parachute Div., Pápa. Acting CO: Maj. Petneházi.

1st Independent Training Battalion, Varpalota. 3 rifle companies, 1 heavy weapons company, 1 signals company, 1 engineer company.

2nd Independent Training Battalion, Esztergom. 3 armored companies, 26 T-34 tanks.

6th Independent Training Battalion, Piliscsaba. Officer candidates.

Infantry Training Battalion, Kaposvár. CO: Lt. Col. István Nagy.

Infantry battalion, Pécsvarad.

Tank Training camp, Isaszeg near Budapest.

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| 4 corps, each of 2 divisions of 3 infantry regiments<br>(1,500 men per regiment) | 36,000 men |
| 1 engineer division  | 2,000      |
| 8 independent motorized infantry battalions                                      | 4,800      |
| 8 motorcycle and armored scout car companies                                     | 1,400      |
| 8 armored companies  | 1,400      |
| 16 artillery "groups"  | 4,500      |
| 8 observation batteries  | 1,320      |
| 15 border guard battalions   | 6,000      |
| 1st Corps, staff, Budapest   | 1,000      |
| 2nd Corps, staff, Pécs   | 1,000      |
| 3rd Corps, staff, Szeged   | 1,000      |
| 4th Corps, staff, Debrecen   | 1,000      |
| Divisional staffs, 250 men each:   |            |
| 1st Div., Esztergom  |            |
| 2nd Div., Szombathely  |            |
| 3rd Div., Kaposvár   |            |
| 4th Div., Szeged   |            |
| 5th Div., Békéscsaba   |            |
| 6th Div., Szolnok  |            |
| 7th Div., Pécs   |            |
| 8th Div., Miskolc  |            |
| Personnel of training groups   | 2,000      |
|  | 1,500      |

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7. Officers' training is carried on in several schools:
- a. Kossuth Military Academy (formerly Royal Hungarian Ludovica Academy), Budapest, Francis Joseph Cavalry Barracks. Co: Maj. Gen (Kalman ?) Revay. Course lasts 3 years; 2,600 students, organized in 3 training regiments.
  - b. György Dozsa Military Academy, alleged to be at Komarom\* (perhaps Mező-Komarom, E 05). Russian and Hungarian officers are engaged in training young Communists, workers, and peasants to qualify as officers. Course lasts 1½ years; 1,200 students.
  - c. Petöfi Academy for the training of education officers ("Politriks"). Course recently reduced from 2 years to 6 months; 200 students, as of May 1949.
  - d. Zrinyi Academy, Pécs. Trains non-commissioned officers for officer rank; 300 students.
  - e. Staff officers' course in Budapest, Albrecht Barracks. Special course, lasting 3 months, for battalion and regimental commanders; 200 students.
  - f. Ideological course in Tolna for junior officers; 300 students.
8. The border guard corps, under the command of Lt. Gen. Pal Platthy, consists of 14 regular battalions and 1 training battalion. Each battalion has three companies, one machine-gun company, and one anti-tank platoon, and is equipped with the following weapons:
- Russian infantry rifles  
 6 light machine guns M 29 Stange  
 2 heavy machine guns Maxim 7.62 mm.  
 2 heavy machine guns Schwarzlose 8.2 mm.  
 14 submachine guns M 41
9. The police formations, which come under the Ministry of the Interior, may be available, at least in part, as auxiliary troops. In particular mention should be made of the Police Alarm Regiment (called the "confidential police formation") stationed at the Radetzky Barracks in Budapest, numbering 135 officers and 1,800 men and said to be equipped with tanks, mortars, and machine guns.
10. Paramilitary formations include the youth organization SzIT, comprising more than 500 young workers' brigades who have had "partisan" training and rifle practice. There is further the Petöfi "anti-Trotsky" Brigade, with headquarters in Szigetvár (A92); squad training, especially in house-to-house fighting; and especially at night; armed with submachine guns, "Sturmgewehre" (Tommy-guns ?), light machine guns, and mortars.
11. A launching base for V-weapons is said to have been built at Lenti (E98).

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Comment: Komarom is in Czechoslovakia.

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